Announcements

Puget Sound Licensure!

At the February 21, 2019 BPC meeting, Captain Ken Grieser received his state license to pilot in the Puget Sound Pilotage District. Prior to the training program Captain Grieser was a Master with the Alaska Marine Highway System.

On February 13, 2019, BPC Commissioners (pictured above from the left) Captain Rik Krombeen, Dr. Eleanor Kirtley, Captain Mike Anthony, Captain John Scrugg and Timothy J. Farrell attended confirmation hearings in the Senate Transportation Committee. The Commissioners each introduced themselves and talked about their individual roles and aspirations on the Board. Committee Chair, Senator Steve Hobbs and Ranking Member, Senator Curtis King, as well as other committee members, were complimentary of the Commissioners and of the work the Board has done over the past couple of years. The Commissioners were confirmed in an Executive Session of the Senate Transportation Committee on February 27, 2019.
In January and February, BPC Chair Sheri Tonn and Executive Director Jaimie Bever attended several meetings with legislators. They testified in legislative hearings to urge the passage of BPC Agency Request Legislation regarding pilot rest rules and joint self-insurance programs, as well as legislation concerning reducing threats to southern resident killer whales by improving the safety of oil transportation in partnership with the Governor’s Office and the Department of Ecology.

Women in Maritime Leadership

BPC Executive Director Jaimie Bever attended the Women in Maritime Leadership Conference at California Maritime Academy March 15-16. The theme of the conference was Transporting Women Farther. Cadets from maritime academies all over the country were in attendance, as well as women leaders in the industry. Attending these types of conferences helps keep pilotage on the radar of cadets, as well as provides opportunities to network and build relationships within the maritime community.

New Cranes Arrive at Port of Tacoma

The Port of Tacoma received 4 new cranes at Husky Terminal on March 5th. The Zhen Hua 31, piloted by Puget Sound Pilots, delivered the new cranes making headlines as it traveled through Puget Sound. The Port received its first shipment of cranes in February 2018 aboard the Zhen Hua 28.